Taluk and Pakuthi Committees

8. **MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the members of the Taluk and Pakuthi Committees are not generally taken from men of status, education and character and that the opinion of the Village Unions and the tax-payers is not taken into consideration in their choice?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Government repudiate the suggestion made by the honourable member.

Break-down in Transport Services.

9. **MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR**: Will the Government be pleased:

(*a*) to state whether the Transport Department keeps any record of break-down and the irregular starting of the bus services; and

(*b*) if so, to place on the table a list of the buses broken down on the way from the 1st of January 1943 up to the 1st of May in the lines between Kottarakara and Kottayam, Kottarakara and Trivandrum, Quilon and Trivandrum, Trivandrum and Nagercoil and Nagercoil and Cape Comorin and also of the times missed without despatching buses in the above mentioned lines during the above mentioned periods?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The amount of work involved in the preparation of statistics for the period required is not commensurate with the advantages derived therefrom.

Construction and repair of Transport Buses.

10. **MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the materials for the building of the bodies of the buses are not available in Travancore itself; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, why the bodies of innumerable Transport buses which are rotten are not repaired and kept rainproof and sunproof?

MR. N. RAMAMURTI: (*a*) No materials except wood is available at present.

(*b*) Does not arise in view to answer (*a*).

Taluks and towns affected by cholera, typhoid etc.

11. **MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR**: Will the Government be pleased to state the taluks and towns affected by cholera, typhoid and small-pox after the first of January 1943 up to date?

MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKAR: A *statement containing the information is placed on the table.

Road from 10th mile, M. S. road to 5th mile, Amaravila-Ottasekharamangalam road.

12. **MR. M. BHASKARAN NAIR** (*Neyyattinkara cum Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the year in which the second section of the road from 10th mile, M. S. road to 5th mile Amaravila-Ottasekharamangalam road was completed; and

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* *Vide* Appendix I.

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(*b*) why the first section was not taken up after such a long time?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Irrigation and Miscellaneous*): (*a*) 1110 M. E.

(*b*) The investigation has been completed and the estimate is being prepared.

Irrigation works in the Neyyattinkara taluk.

13. **MR. M. BHASKARAN NAIR**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the allotment for irrigation works in the Neyyattinkara taluk for the year 1118;

(*b*) the amount spent up to the end of Medom 1118 out of this allotment for the year; and

(*c*) the amount likely to be spent by the end of this year?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Rs. 13,020.

(*b*) Rs. 4,206.

(*c*) The full amount allotted.

Allotment under rain damages in the Neyyattinkara taluk.

14. **MR. M. BHASKARAN NAIR**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any amount has been allotted for the year 1118 under the head of rain damages in the Neyyattinkara taluk; and

(*b*) whether any amount has been spent on that account and if so what amount?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes, Rs. 835 to the end of Medom 1118.

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